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Our Pioneer Heritage

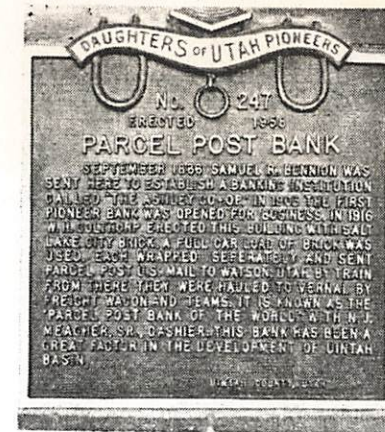
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PARCEL POST BANK — NO. 247

September, 1886 Samuel R. Bennion was sent here to establish a banking institution called the "Ashley Co-op." In 1903 the first bank was open for business with N. J. Meagher, cashier. Then in 1916 W. H. Colthorp erected this building with Salt Lake City brick, each wrapped separately and sent Parcel Post U.S. mail to Watson, Utah by train. From there hauled to Vernal by freight wagon and teams. It is known as "The Parcel Post Bank of the World," with Mr. Meagher still cashier. This bank has been a great factor in the development of Uintah Basin.

Uintah County, Utah



Samuel Roberts Bennion, pioneer of 1847, was sent to Vernal in September, 1886 by the L.D.S. Church to provide means of money exchange or depository for the pioneers of this vicinity. The Ashley Valley Cooperative Mercantile Institution was organized with Samuel R. Bennion as President. Its purpose was to aid the people of the valley in handling their finances, such as loaning, borrowing and investing. In one corner of the building was a large vault. As this was the only means of banking in Ashley Valley, the owners determined that a bank was needed and would be profitable. Until 1916 the new bank had its place of business in the Co-op block. It had a truly frontier interior—a bullet proof screen surmounted its counter, which was steel lined.

As the valley grew, a more commodious bank was needed, so W. H. Colthorp erected a large building on the southeast corner of Main Street, planning quarters therein for the Bank of Vernal. This new building was constructed of Salt Lake City brick, separately wrapped, packed in crates of 50 pounds each and shipped by parcel post, cheaper than they could go by freight. Because Vernal is only 150 miles away, the shipment took second zone postage. However, the brick traveled 407 miles by standard gauge railway to Mack, Colorado then by narrow gauge to Watson, Utah, thence 65 miles by freight wagons and teams over rough roads and steep grades. It took a full carload of brick which practically tied up the mail route and resulted in a U.S. government order limiting to 200 pounds the weight of Parcel Post that any one person could send in any one day.

On September 20, 1958 the Daughters of Utah Pioneers of Uintah County placed a marker on this bank.